

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIS
ALLEN

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Chris Allen, a valued member of the Senate Finance Committee staff. Chris was a leader on an issue that is of particular importance to me, retirement security. Chris will always be remembered for his tireless work ensuring the solvency of the pensions of thousands of workers in multiemployer pensions—and his leadership in making it easier for Americans to save for retirement in the SECURE Act.

An alum of Loyola College in Maryland and Johns Hopkins University, he worked on pension and benefit issues and exempt organization issues for the Senate Finance Committee, under both Chairmen CHUCK GRASSLEY and Orrin Hatch. Before he joined the Finance Committee, he worked as a senior economic policy adviser for Senator PAT ROBERTS. And before that, he worked as a consultant and advisor for various groups, including the Financial Accounting Foundation and the National Association of State Treasurers.

Widely known and widely liked, Chris will be remembered for his dedication, his passion, his candor and his sense of humor. His was a warm presence that lightened the tone of meetings and briefings. And he worked hard for what he believed in.

Not just widely known and widely liked, Chris will also be widely missed. We hold in our hearts those closest to Chris, especially his wife Lynda, his daughters Sophie and Lucie, and the rest of his family and friends.

I send my deepest sympathies to the Allen family, to his friends, and to Senator GRASSLEY and to our other colleagues in the Senate, and I ask my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING DYLAN COOK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dylan Cook. Dylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 135, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dylan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dylan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dylan Cook for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING FRANK AND
BELINDA VANDERSLOOT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Frank and Belinda VanderSloot for receiving the 2020 Alturas Institute John and Abigail Adams Award in recognition of their commitment to service and equal protection under the law.

Frank and Belinda VanderSloot have dedicated their time, talents and treasures to the betterment of our world.

When disaster strikes and the world wonders what can be done, the VanderSloots act. Donated trucks, planes, and cargo ships stocked with lifesaving supplies act as an answer to prayers for those whose lives have been turned upside down by natural disaster.

Thanks to their incredible partnership with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army countless lives have been blessed and lives have literally been saved.

The list of their philanthropy is lengthy, from sponsoring an orphanage in Ecuador or the renovation and donation of a school in Idaho Falls. Family farms have been saved, business have flourished, and scholarships granted all because the VanderSloots choose to act.

Most recently Frank and Belinda have added to their legacy assisting hundreds of people who find themselves in the jaws of overly aggressive medical debt collectors. In establishing a one-million-dollar defense fund, they have given a voice to the voiceless.

Madam Speaker, Frank and Belinda VanderSloot give because of the goodness of their hearts, not for applause or accolades; which is why I stand today to congratulate them on receiving the 2020 Alturas Institute John and Abigail Adams Award and to thank them for 'enhancing lives and doing good where good is needed'.

HONORING DOMINIC & ADI WADE
FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE CHAMBER
FAMILY AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dominic & Adi Wade for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Chamber Family Award.

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Dominic and Adi Wade, builders of Amsterdam's new shopping plaza, Southside Square, have created a wonderful selection of businesses near the Route 5 corridor. The Square now includes a range of small and medium size businesses that greatly benefit the surrounding area. These businesses include Pleasant Cleaners, Southside Beverage, Bourbon Street Wine and Liquor, and DomAdi's Deli. Dominic and Adi Wade established Bourbon Street and DomAdi's Deli themselves, both of which are thriving under their great leadership. The availability of adequate commercial real estate is vital to the economic wellbeing of a community, and the North Country has greatly benefited from the Wade's contributions.

Dominic and Adi Wade have made a lasting positive impact on the vitality of their community, providing much needed investment to the area. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate the Wade Family for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF
COACH MARC STRINGER

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

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Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the incredible legacy of Coach Marc Stringer of White Hall, Arkansas. A longtime coach of basketball and football at White Hall High School, Mr. Stringer lost his battle with cancer several days ago.

Coach Stringer and his family have been longtime residents of Arkansas' Fourth District, and their story serves as a testimony of service to our fellow man and of dedication to seeing future generations succeed.

Coach Stringer coached for nine years, battling cancer for the last three. According to the faculty and students of White Hall School District, Coach Stringer was a "good coach, but an even better person." His dedication to students showed not only in his coaching ability, but also in his creation of Endure the Dirt Adventure Race and Personal Pep Rally, which awards scholarships to students whose families are facing a battle with cancer.

Coach Stringer was also awarded the Norm Stewart Legacy Award in 2018 at the Coaches vs. Cancer Program and the Arkansas Basketball Coaches Association PGC Transformational Coach Award for his perseverance throughout his health struggles.

I'm honored to recognize Coach Stringer's servant leadership and his legacy of endurance in adversity. My prayers are with his family as they mourn his loss.

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